

United States Government Accountability Office Washington, DC 20548

September 21, 2005

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr. Ranking Minority Member Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Conyers:

We received your letter dated August 23, 2005, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, asking the Government Accountability Office to review vulnerabilities and weaknesses in asylum system.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, who has staff available to begin the work. Mr. Rabkin or a member of his team will contact Ms. Kristin Wells to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rabkin at or Mr. Ralph Dawn, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at

Sincerely yours,

Gloria L. Jarmon

Managing Director for Congressional Relations

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